

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 7-38, without prejudice or disclaimer, AMEND claims 1-6 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus generating a seek direction detecting signal for an optical pickup, comprising:

a light dividing unit dividing an incident light beam into at least two beams including a main beam and a sub-beam so that at least two beam spots including a main beam spot and at least one sub-beam spot having an optical aberration, can be focused in ~~the~~ a track direction of an optical disk, ~~the light dividing unit providing that the~~ wherein a direction of the optical aberration of the sub-beam spot ~~can be the~~ is a tangential direction of the optical disk;

an optical detector unit including:

a first optical detector ~~having a plurality of light receiving portions for receiving~~ the main beam, and converting the portions of the received beam into electrical signals independent of each other; ~~and~~

a second optical detector receiving the sub-beam; and converting the portions of the received beam into electrical signals independent of each other, ~~so as to receive the main beam and the sub-beam reflected from the optical disk~~ wherein the first and second optical detectors comprise a plurality of light receiving portions; and

a signal processing portion including:

a first signal processing portion processing a track error signal from the signals output from the first optical detector; ~~and~~

a second signal processing portion processing a track cross signal from the signals output from the second optical detector; and

a generator generating ~~a the~~ seek direction detecting signal from ~~the~~ a phase difference between the track cross signal and the track error signal.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus ~~for generating a seek direction detecting signal for an optical pickup~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light receiving portions of

the second optical detector is~~are~~ divided into at least three portions in a direction corresponding to ~~the~~a radial direction of the optical disk, ~~is divided and~~ are divided into two portions in a direction corresponding to the tangential direction of the optical disk, ~~and has~~where the light receiving portions include at least six separate areas.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus ~~for generating a seek direction detecting signal for an optical pickup~~ as claimed in claim 2~~1~~, wherein the ~~second optical detector includes~~light receiving portions of the second optical detector comprise

a first light receiving portion having a first outer light receiving portion, and a first inner light receiving portion, which are divided in a direction corresponding to ~~the~~a radial direction of the optical disk;

a second light receiving portion having a second outer light receiving portion, and a second inner light receiving portion, which are disposed to neighbor the first light receiving portion and in the direction corresponding to the tangential direction of the optical disk;

a third light receiving portion having a third outer light receiving portion, and a third inner light receiving portion, which are disposed to neighbor the second light receiving portion; and

a fourth light receiving portion having a fourth outer light receiving portion, and a fourth inner light receiving portion, which are disposed to neighbor the first and third light receiving portions.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus ~~for generating a seek direction detecting signal for an optical pickup~~ as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~the~~each widths of the first, second, third, and fourth inner light receiving portions ~~each are~~is smaller than ~~the~~a radius of an incident beam spot focused on the optical detector.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus ~~for generating a seek direction detecting signal for an optical pickup~~ as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~the~~a sum of the widths of the first and fourth inner light receiving portions in ~~a~~the direction corresponding to the radial direction of the optical disk, and the sum of the widths of the second and third inner light receiving portions in the same direction are each 0.2 to 0.8 times ~~the~~a diameter of ~~an~~the incident beam spot focused on the optical detector.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus ~~for generating a seek direction detecting signal for an optical pickup~~ as claimed in claim 3, wherein, when ~~the~~a sum signal of

signals output from the first and fourth inner light receiving portions is $S_{(A2+D2)}$, the sum signal of signals output from the second and third outer light receiving portions is $S_{(B1+C1)}$, the sum signal of signals output from the first and fourth outer light receiving portions is $S_{(A1+D1)}$, and the sum signal of signals output from the second and third inner light receiving portions is $S_{(B2+C2)}$, the second signal processing portion ~~includes~~comprises:

a first summing amplifier summing the signal $S_{(A2+D2)}$ and the signal $S_{(B1+C1)}$, and outputting a signal S_1 ;

a3 a second summing amplifier summing the signal $S_{(A1+D1)}$ and the signal $S_{(B2+C2)}$, and outputting a signal S_2 ; and

a differential amplifier differentiating the signals S_1 and S_2 , and outputting a track cross signal, ~~and where~~ the second signal processing portion is adapted to generate a the seek direction detecting signal by using the phase difference between the track cross signal output from the differential amplifier and the track error signal output from the first signal processing portion.

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